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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Discussion by the Director with Members of Congress
Regarding the Future of Radio Free Europe and
Radio Liberty**

1. The Director asked me to make it a matter of record that yesterday, 24 October, he met with Congressman George Mahon of Texas, and today with Congressmen Frank Bow of Ohio and Glenard Lipscomb of California.

2. As authorized by the President, the Director explained to the gentlemen the questions that had been raised regarding the future of RFE and Radio Liberty as a result of the report of the Katzenbach Committee. The Director reviewed the various alternatives considered by the 303 Committee and stated that the practical choice was either to terminate the two Radios or to continue financing them through the CIA.

3. All three Congressmen were in favor of continuing CIA support of these instrumentalities and stated they were prepared to approve the necessary funds in the Agency's '69 fiscal year budget. They were specifically informed that some limited admission of government support might be necessary and they did not object, pointing out, however, that it would present a tricky problem in the handling of the press.

4. The Director intends to brief the relevant members of the Senate at the earliest opportunity.

[Signature]
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Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

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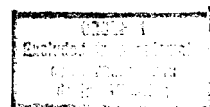
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